

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-186-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
6 CONCURRENCE WITH THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF
7 ANTONIO NICHOLS AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
9 UNIT BY THE STATE SURGEON GENERAL PURSUANT TO
10 SECTION 154.04, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND CONFIRMING
11 THE JOINT APPOINTMENT OF ANTONIO NICHOLS AS
12 MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT BY THE DISTRICT
14 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
15 THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 29.102, *ORDINANCE*
16 *CODE*; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 29.102
17 (DIRECTOR), CHAPTER 29 (PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT),
18 *ORDINANCE CODE*, THAT THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR BE AN
19 M.D. OR A D.O. LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 458 OR
20 CHAPTER 459, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND HAVE A
21 MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH; PROVIDING AN
22 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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24 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

25 **Section 1. Appointment.** The Council hereby confirms its
26 concurrence with the State Surgeon General's proposed appointment of
27 Antonio Nichols as Medical Director of the Department of Health Duval
28 County Public Health Unit pursuant to Section 154.04, *Florida*
29 *Statutes*, and further confirms the joint appointment of Mr. Nichols
30 to this position by the District Administrator for the Department of
31 Health and the Mayor pursuant to Section 29.102, *Ordinance Code*.

1 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the *curriculum vitae* of Antonio
2 Nichols.

3 **Section 2. Waiver of Certain Requirements in Section 29.102**
4 **(Director), Chapter 29 (Public Health Unit), Ordinance Code.** The
5 requirements outlined in Section 29.102 (Director), Chapter 29
6 (Public Health Unit), *Ordinance Code*, that the Medical Director be
7 an M.D. or a D.O. and have a Master's Degree in Public Health are
8 hereby waived recognizing that although Mr. Nichols is not an M.D.
9 or a D.O. and does not have the specified degree, he does possess a
10 Master's of Business Administration and has substantial, relevant
11 professional experience in public health management and training in
12 public health administration. Mr. Nichols began his tenure with the
13 Department of Health Duval County in August 2005 as an Operations and
14 Management Consultant I. He subsequently served in a number of
15 increasingly important and impactful roles with the Department,
16 including as Revenue Program Administrator, Finance Director, and
17 Assistant Director of Administration and Operations, which ultimately
18 culminated in his appointment to serve as Interim Medical Director
19 for the Department of Health Duval County Public Health Unit in April
20 2022.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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28 Office of General Counsel
29 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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